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is in order that we, from this state of the goodlife, initiate actions so that millions of our brothers and sisters in other lands might have life itself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise as Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. I've conferred with several of the members of the committee. I apologize to Senator Swigart that I have not had the opportunity to visit with him. I did not know the resolution would come up this morning. I commend Senator Swigart for interest in the problem and I assure him that I am sure that most of the members of this body would agree with him, that the problem is an accute one and a serious one. The question that rises in the minds of the members and myself and my committee are these. First of all, we recognize our obligation to assist the starving nations. Secondly, we want to point out that food is, first and last, an item of commerce. At the very time that livestock feeders and grain farmers and persons who are engaged in agricultural production in this United States are suffering the most serious economic disaster that they have ever experienced. We find the nations that export oil to this country causing this very nation a sixteen billion dollar trade deficit for 1974. I think that it's comparative that because food becomes an emotional item, we should not forget that it is the one chance we have to correct the export-import imbalance which seriously threatens these United States. We recognize that while some of these nations have starving millions that there is no proposal at this time that this nation can advance which will guarantee that the food which we have, in the past, generously shipped to starving countries, ever reaches those persons who are, in fact, starving. We find the internal politics of those nations to be detrimental to the efforts of this country. This country has not been selfish over the years. Our own University of Nebraska has exported technical talent and many other ideas that have advanced the agricultural production of those nations. But, we must remember - we must not forget that those nations have an obligation to assist themselves and that each time that this nation sends forth something for nothing, we have found and we will find again, again and again that it is not appreciated. Also that the only way that you can illicit appreciation for that kind of an idea, is on a equal basis, an equal basis with other nations of the world. I would hope that Senator Swigart would ask for a delay of his consideration of his motion this morning, and that he could meet with the Committee on Agriculture and we could perhaps amend the resolution to recognize those responsibilities of this nation, but also to recognize the responsibilities of other nations across the world. The United States of America is not the only prosperous nation. We are, in fact, perhaps not the most prosperous nation any longer. We have extended ourselves repeatedly beyond the ability of this nation to do so without jeopardizing persons within our own shores. I've stood on this floor time after time after time and I have asked for assistance for persons, needy persons, within the boundaries of this state. You people have supported me. I shall do so